REMEDIATION AND REDEVELOPMENT (RR) NEWS FROM WISCONSIN DNR August 30, 2001

UPDATED COUNTY CONTACTS LIST

We have updated our county-by-county list of DNR staff assigned to RR cleanup projects by geographic areas. The list is on our web site under the "Contact" button,

http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/technical/lists/contact_rr.html On this same web page we also have a list of telephone numbers for all RR Program staff, and a list of central office contact people for general and technical topics. As always, for site specific decisions consult our regional staff.

NORTHEAST REGION CONSULTANT DAYS - JANUARY 2002 IN FOX VALLEY Northeast Region RR staff will provide a training session for local consultants in January, 2002. The session will be held in the Fox Valley and will cover topics such as: Case Closure, Soil Performance Standards, Smart Growth, the Geographic Information System (GIS) Registry, BRRTS on the Web, and updates on Site Assessment Grants, Sustainable Urban Development Zones, the Dry Cleaner Environmental Response Fund and PECFA. Local consulting firms should anticipate receiving invitations by mail in early November, 2001. For more information, or to be sure your firm receives an invitation, please contact Kristin DuFresne at 920-492-5943, or by email at dufrek@dnr.state.wi.us.

BROWNFIELDS 2001 CONFERENCE GETTING CLOSER

Brownfields 2001 is only a few weeks away. It takes place September 24-26 at the McCormick Place Convention Center in Chicago. The DNR is an endorser for this annual national brownfields conference, and RR staff are participating in various presentations, displays and panel sessions. The session descriptions have now been announced on the conference web site at http://www.brownfields2001.org. Registration is free and online, but hotels are being booked quickly. The conference is an opportunity to network with others and learn more about brownfields solutions that have worked elsewhere.

EPA ANNOUNCES \$4 MILLION USTFIELD PILOT PROJECT

EPA has announced \$4 million in "USTfield" financial assistance to clean up leaking underground storage tank sites and foster redevelopment. EPA expects to select up to 40 projects. This new pilot program is similar to brownfield initiatives to help revitalize industrial areas and communities. EPA is inviting states, territories and federally-recognized Indian Tribes, as well as eligible intertribal consortia to compete for these pilots. Each selected pilot will receive up to \$100,000 in Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund monies. The deadline for submitting proposals for the USTfield pilots is October 22. For more information and to see the guidelines visit this EPA web page - http://www.epa.gov/swerust1/ustfield/index.htm#pilots

EPA ANNOUNCES \$2 MILLION PROJECT TO TRAIN NEW WORKERS & CLEAN UP BROWNFIELDS

EPA has announced \$2 million in federal financial assistance to provide training for residents in communities impacted by brownfields. The Brownfields Job Training and Development Demonstration Pilots are intended to facilitate cleanup of brownfields sites and to prepare trainees for future employment in the environmental field. Each

selected pilot will receive up to \$200,000 over two years. These funds are expected to help build partnerships between community groups, job training organizations, employers, investors, lenders, developers and others to provide training for residents in communities impacted by brownfields. For more information and the proposal guidelines, visit this EPA web page - http://www.epa.gov/swerosps/bf/applicat.htm#jt

NATIONAL GOVERNORS REPORT

A new report from the National Governors' Association (NGA) is "New Community Design to the Rescue - Fulfilling Another American Dream". It presents new policy solutions for sprawl that are aimed at correcting problems at the local government level by addressing health, transportation, housing, energy, and environmental issues. The report includes a checklist for evaluating projects, places, and communities for their consistency with smart growth principles. It's filled with examples from across the nation. Visit this NGA web page for the report - http://www.nga.org/center/1,1188,,00.html

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